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SUBJECT: PROTESTS OVER SOVIET ENERGY PLANT AT PHILIPPI

REF: THESSALONIKI 574, 564, 535

1. " ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF SEPT 19 CARRIES FRONTPAGE REPORT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT KAVALA IN CONTINUING PROTEST AGAINST IMPLEMENTATION OF APRIL 18 GREEK-SOVIET AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY PLANT AT PHILIPPI. KAVALA COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE RE-OPENED HEARINGS SEPTEMBER 18 ON EXPROPRIATION OF LAND BELONGING TO 348 AREA FARMERS. PROTEST GROUP OUTSIDE COURT INCLUDED FARMER REPRESENTATIVES AND METROPOLITAN AMBROSIOS OF ELEFTHEROUPOLIS, WHO IS OUTSPOKEN OPPONENT OF PROJECT. DEFENSE LAWYERS, WHO INSISTING ON MINIMUM EXPROPRIATION PRICE OF DOLLARS 8,000 PER ACRE VS DOLLARS 1,000 OFFERED BY PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC), CLAIM THAT, IF MEASURE IMPLEMENTED AT GOVERNMENT PRICES, APPROX 12,000 AREA FARMERS WILL BE FORCED TO EMIGRATE. FINAL COURT DECISION ON INITIAL EXPROPRIATION EXPECTED WITHIN 10 DAYS, ACCORDING TO "VORRAS" REPORT.

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COMMENT: SPOKESMEN AT PPC PAVILION IN THESSALONIKI FAIR
CLAIM THAT PROTESTS ARE MERELY FINAL ATTEMPT BY
LANDHOLDERS TO CAPITALIZE ON EXPROPRIATION PRICE. OTHERS
HERE MORE SYMPATHETIC, BUT SKEPTICAL THAT PROTEST WILL RESULT
IN REVERSAL OF PROJECT.
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